

Lesion-Specific Enzymes for Identifying Clustered Damages and their Substrates

Enzyme	Principal Lesion Class Recognized	Lesions Recognized*
<i>E. coli</i> formamidopyrimidine-DNA glycosylase (Fpg Protein)	Oxidized purines	FapyAdenine, FapyGuanine, C8-oxoGuanine, some abasic sites, C8-oxoAdenine and to a lesser extent, other modified purines (Fapy = 2,6-diamino-4-hydroxy-5-N-methylformamido-pyrimidine). [1,2,3,4,5]
<i>E. coli</i> Nth protein (Endonuclease III)	Oxidized pyrimidines	Thymine residues damaged by ring saturation, fragmentation, or ring contraction, including 5,6-dihydrothymine, thymine glycol, urea, 5-hydroxy-5-methyl hydantoin, DNA damaged at guanine sites, and some abasic sites. [4,5,6,7]
<i>E. coli</i> Nfo protein (Endonuclease IV)	Abasic sites	Several types of abasic sites, including oxidized abasic sites, abasic sites modified with alkoxyamines, and DNA containing urea residues. [8,9]

*5-hydroxycytosine and 5-hydroxy-2'-deoxyuridine are substrates for Fpg protein and Nth protein, but neither is formed at significant levels during aerobic irradiation.

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FIG. 1

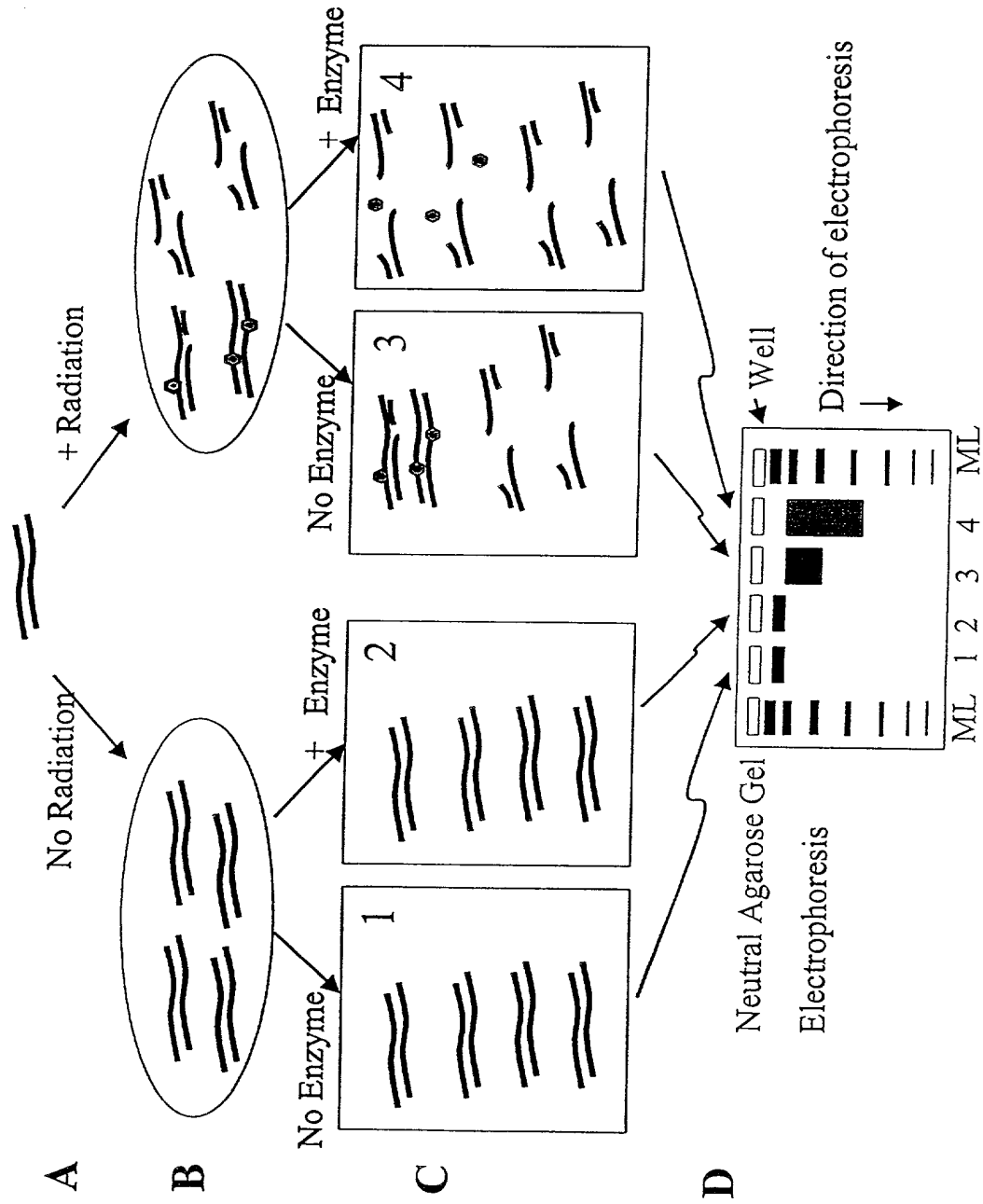


FIG. 2

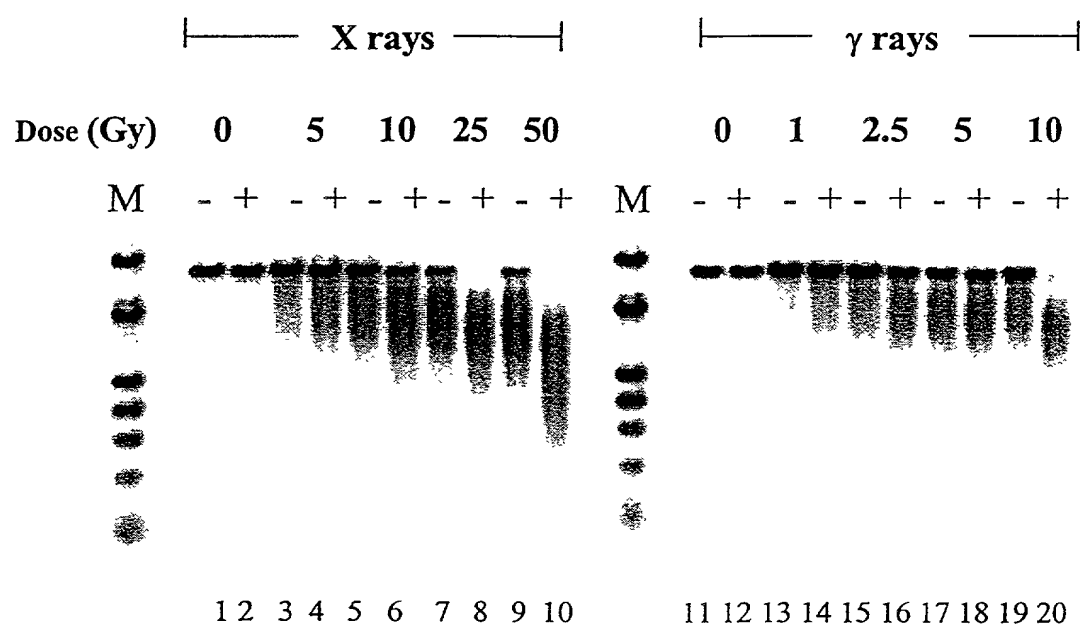


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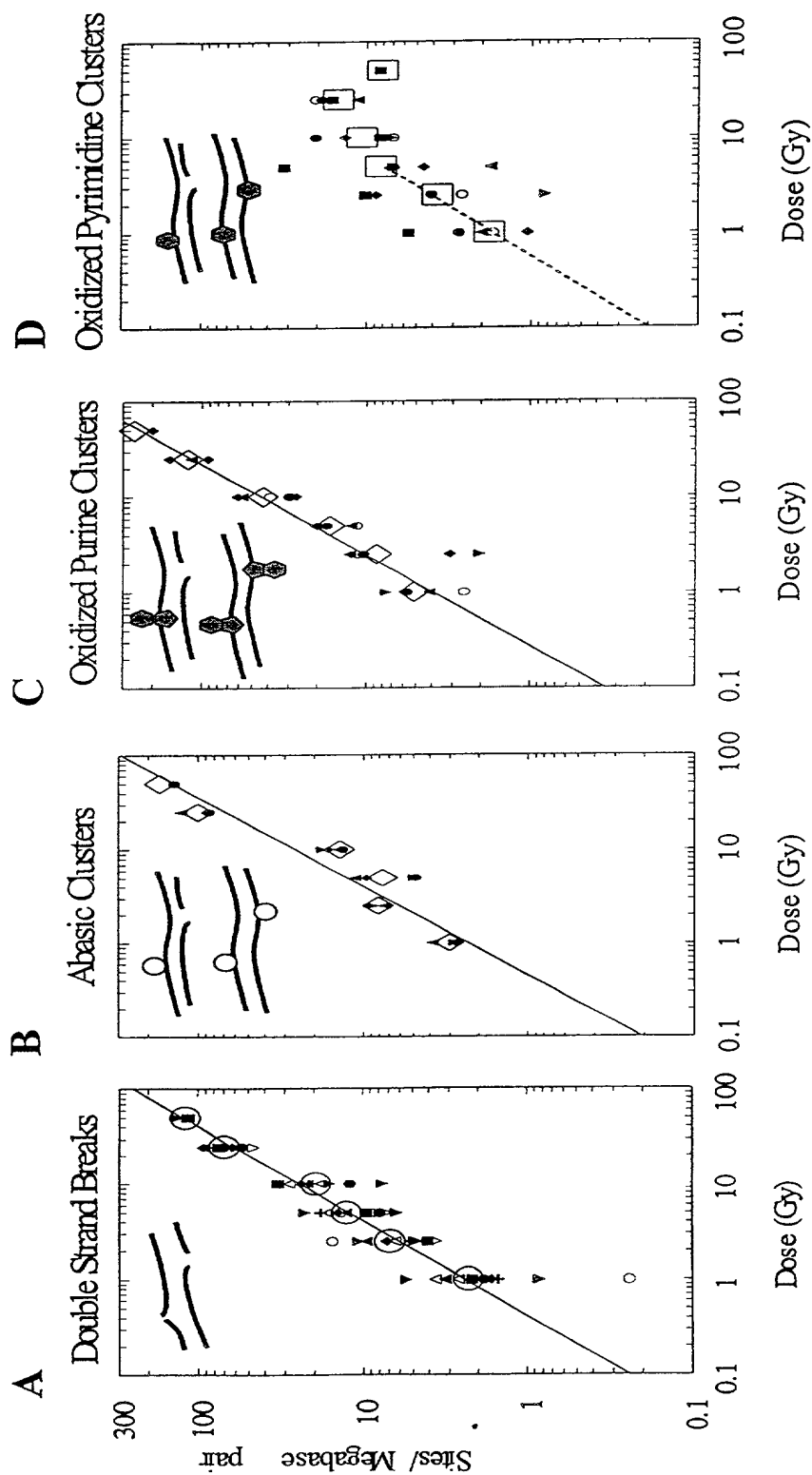


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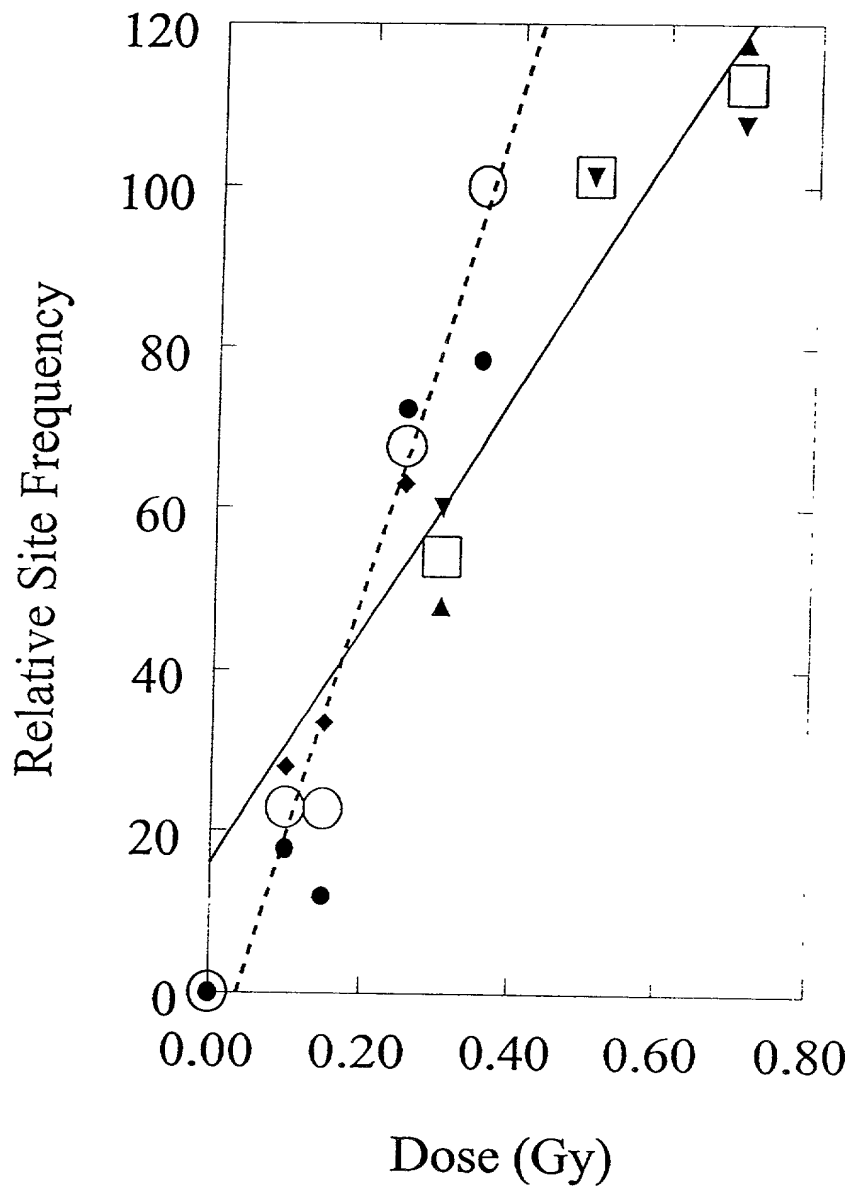


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